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Week 3 Term 4 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

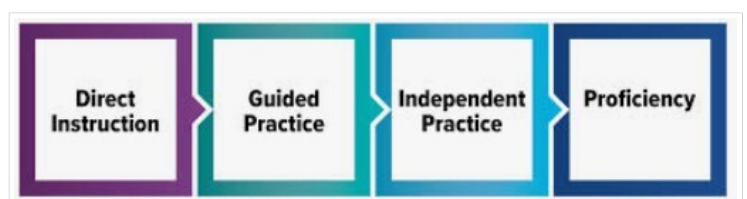
Congratulations to Amelia who represented MacKillop (our part of NSW Catholic Schools) at the NSW PSSA Athletics State Championships. Amelia had great success in the 13 years girls 100m, she qualified for the semi-finals and then again for the finals. In the final she narrowly missed out on a podium finish coming 4th place. Well done Amelia - we are so proud of you!



We continue to pray for the family of Brie Myers. Thank you for the offers of support to the family that have been made through school. We will let you know how support will be welcomed in coming weeks. Please keep Brie, and her family, especially our two St Pat's kids, Ollie and Charlie, in your prayers.



As we progress through Term 4 we continue to focus on strategies that maximize learning and engagement in our classrooms. Continuing to build our direct instruction approach in English and Mathematics ensures there is rigorous, structured teaching, and strong active student participation. Direct instruction allows teachers to deliver content in a straightforward and systematic manner, ensuring that all students understand the material before moving on. This method not only helps in building a strong foundation of knowledge but also fosters a sense of confidence and achievement in our students. By breaking down complex concepts into manageable steps, we can cater to the diverse learning needs of our students, making sure that no one is left behind. If you are interested in knowing more about Reading Mastery, Spelling Mastery or Connecting Maths Concepts you can have a conversation with our Curriculum leaders Mrs Ferris and Mrs Lightly, or pop in and see it in action - just make a time with us!



At St Pat's, we are committed to using every minute effectively to ensure that our students receive the best possible education. To make every minute count, we work hard to minimize

distractions and create an environment conducive to learning. This involves setting clear expectations, maintaining a structured routine, and using engaging teaching programs. Parents can support this effort by establishing a quiet, distraction-free learning space (and time) at home and encouraging children's daily reading. We'd also love you to spend some time each day helping your child to improve their recall of maths facts.



At St Pat's, we believe that education is not just about academic success but also about nurturing the whole child. By combining quality teaching and learning with a focus on minimizing distractions, we can ensure that our students are fully engaged and making the most of their learning time. Let us work together to create a supportive and enriching environment where every minute is an opportunity for growth and discovery. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Blessings

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & CLASSROOM SUPPORT TEACHER

3/4 Out and About

Last Friday, our enthusiastic Year 3/4 students set off on an exciting walking excursion to the Bega River. Partnering with the Bega Valley Shire Council, the students had the opportunity to plant trees along the riverbank.

This hands-on experience not only provided valuable lessons about environmental stewardship and the importance of local vegetation but also allowed the students to actively contribute to their community. With eager smiles and hardworking hands, they planted numerous trees that will benefit the ecosystem for years to come.

A special thank you to the Bega Valley Shire Council for their guidance and support, making this excursion both educational and unforgettable.



Personal Safety Education for Parents

Here is an interesting article shared by Catholic education:

https://www.education.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/2077197/Protecting-Your-Kids-Personal-Safety-Education-for-parents.pdf

Emma Grant

FROM THE REC

Dates for your calendar

Week 4 Chapel Mass, Friday 9:15am- 5/6 Red (Families welcome, though limited seating available in the chapel)

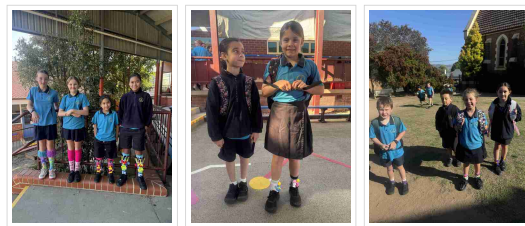
Friday 8th November, Year 5 Leadership Retreat in Tathra. Please complete permission form on Compass by Thursday.

Friday 13th December 9:15am- Giving Mass

Tuesday 17th December (Time TBC)- Graduation Mass

Crazy Sock Day

Our Crazy Sock Day on Wednesday was a fantastic success! Our students and staff showed off their wildest, most colourful socks, all in support of Catholic Mission. A big thank you to our school community for making this event both fun and impactful.



Mel Ferris

OFFICE NEWS

Term 4 school fees have been emailed to families, thank you to the families who have paid their Term 4 school fees.

Term 4 fees are due 8 November 2024, except for those with approved payment plans in place.

Please contact the Office Manager, Cathy Smith on cathy.smith@cg.catholic.edu.au, if you would like to set up a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment plan for your school fees.

If at any time your family is experiencing financial hardship, or if your family is in need of other support, please contact the school to organise an appointment for a confidential meeting with our Principal, Jo Scott-Pegum to discuss how the school can help support your family. Please remember that if we don't know your circumstances, we are not in a position to provide assistance. Applications for fee concessions are managed by the Principal in a confidential and sensitive manner.

CANTEEN NEWS

Available this Monday 4th November
Rasberry & White Chocolate Muffins order via Qkr!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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